

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 160
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding outdated county road reporting requirements and the inefficient use of county resources in preparing the requisite reports. Given that data on county roads is made available online through the Texas Department of Transportation, county commissioners courts often find these reports of little use. C.S.S.B. 160 seeks to eliminate these outdated reporting requirements.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.S.B. 160 repeals Transportation Code provisions requiring a county commissioner serving as a road supervisor to make an annual report showing the condition of roads, parts of roads, culverts, and bridges in the county, including information relating to the maintenance and improvement of that infrastructure, for purposes of improving public roads and determining related taxes and applying for grants from the transportation infrastructure fund.

C.S.S.B. 160 amends the Transportation Code to make conforming changes.

C.S.S.B. 160 repeals Sections 251.005 and 251.018, Transportation Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.

COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.S.B. 160 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute includes a repeal of a Transportation Code requirement not in the engrossed for a county commissioner serving as a road supervisor to make an annual report showing the condition of roads, parts of roads, culverts, and bridges in the county for the purposes of improving public roads and determining related taxes. The substitute includes a provision not in the engrossed making a change to conform to that repeal.